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The reply filed on March 8, 2010 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A restriction was required between claims 15-21, directed to a filter element and claims 22-28, directed to a chromatographic separation column. Applicants elected claims 15-21. The amendment of March 8, 2010 adds the column element to claim 15. As such, claims 15-21 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to the non-elected invention. Inasmuch as all the claims are withdrawn, the amendment is considered to be non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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